(c) ITDC have invited the bids for market ing and management tie up for its six elite ho tels, from leading international hotel chains op erating globally. They have been asked to furnish:—

(a) Technical bid indicating: plan for upgrading the properties to the international standard; details of training inputs to be provided for manpower; details of introducing modem concepts of computerisation, modern managment accounting, communication, management system etc; and any other input desired by the bidders.

(b) Financial bid indicating, business/action plan, financial strength of the bidder, expenditure to be incurred for upgradation, bid amount, compensation structure expected by them etc.

(d) Marketing and managment tie up envis ages the following likely benefits:—

(i) Increase in inflow of foreign tourists to patronise the hotels covered under the arrangement;

(ii) Enhancement of the goodwill in the overseas market and thereby overseas clients feel more confident in using the hotels covered under the arrangement;

(iii) Creation of contemporary modern image of ITDC hotels by affiliating with wellknown inter-national brand name in tourism industry;

(iv) Upgradation of hotels to international standard by availing technical advise and technology available with the international chain of hotels;

(v) Human Resource Development through training.

Introduction of More Doordarshan Channels

*203. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: .

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan propose to introduce more channels during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether Government also propose to evolve mechanism to telecast the programmes of all channels without the use of Dish-antenna; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO), (a) and
(b) No firm date can be indicated for a further increase in the number of channels of Doordarshan.

- (c) There is no such proposal.

(d) Does not arise.

Failure of Electrostatic Precipitator of Unit IVof NTPC,Farakka

*204. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the reply to UnStarred Question 2145 given in the Rajya Sabha on 20th December, 1994 and state:

(a) whether the Enquiry committee set up for investigating the causes of the failure of Electrostatic Precipitator of Unit IV at NTPC, Farakka, has given its report, if so, the major causes of the failure; and

(b) whether it is a fact that some iterim report had been given by technical committee on this failure; if so, what are the findings of the interim committee?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE): (a) The enquiry committee recently submitted its final report to the;National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)the major causes of the failure of the ESP as per the findings of the Committee are as follows:—

(1) Ash accumulation in the ESP casing of Pass D in excess of 4.4 metres above the hoppers bend line in atleast three fields of the ESP as compared to the structural designs level of 2.37 mtr.